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Key Quotes

Vučić: "Serbia will work hard in EU accession process". Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić and former European enlargement commissioner Günter Verheugen discussed Tuesday the European future of Serbia, and the prime minister said that Serbia would continue to work hard towards success in the EU accession process. Prime Minister Vučić said that despite the enlargement "fatigue", the European Union should see Serbia in its frameworks as a future member state whose position could contribute to economic stability and prosperity of the entire region, the release said (agerpres.ro, RO, 16/9). http://www.agerpres.ro/externe/2014/09/16/serbia-va-depune-eforturi-sustinute-in-cadrul-procesului-de-aderare-la-ue-asigura-premierul-vucic-16-46-45

Summary

Suspended enlargement

The renaming of the enlargement portfolio is causing concern in the Western Balkans where they believe that new EU strategies will not include the pending accession of the region's countries. EC President-elect Jean-Claude Juncker will be focusing on economic recovery, the stabilisation of the European economy, creating new employment and the final exit from the crisis and has also announced that in the next five years, there will be no enlargement of the EU. Current Commissioner for Regional Development Johannes Hahn, who has been allocated the Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations portfolio, has been reported as saying that he will be focusing primarily on reassuring the countries knocking on EU doors, Serbia and Montenegro. Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro Mitja Drobnič has stated that accession negotiations will continue and that countries should implement reforms at present and not in five years' time (Business.HR, HR, 16/9).

Business.HR, HR, 16/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140916/mi/item 214135855.pdf

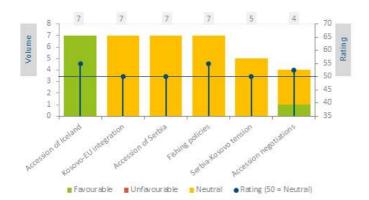
Serbia Kosovo agreement

President of Kosovo, Atifete Jahjaga has gathered the heads of the main institutions of the state to ensure the implementation of the agreements reached between Kosovo and Serbia. Jahjaga instructed the leaders of the security and judiciary system, to further harmonize those institutions which have a duty to preserve law and order in the entire territory of Kosovo, implement the agreements brokered by the European Union with the Republic of Serbia and accelerate reforms that relate to the delivery of the standards necessary for the integration of Kosovo into the EU and the process of the visa free regime. The implementation of the agreements reached with Serbia have entered a delicate phase, after the political gridlock and the involvement of the Self Determination party in the political coalition which aims to govern the country. According to the agreement signed by Self Determination and the opposition bloc, this party will lead negotiations with Serbia. This has led to the international community to react by demanding the talks with Serbia not be suspended, but be resumed as soon as possible (balkaneu.com, GR, 15/9).

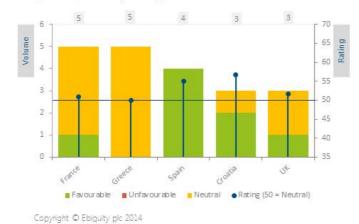
• balkaneu.com, GR, 15/9, http://www.balkaneu.com/president-jahjaga-demands-implementation-agreements-serbia/

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Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	5
Matthias Brinkmann (Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Iceland)	5
Alex Salmond (First Minister, Scotland)	4
Peter Sørensen (Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, EU)	2

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